Group set up by the Planning Commission has increased from 60.3 million in 1973-74 to 83.3 Million in 1987-88. The Expert Group has suggested a number of changes in the existing methodology of estimation of number and proportion of poor.

(c) A number of steps are being taken in order to improve the quality of life of the urban poor during the Eighth Plan. These include programmes for raising income and generating employment such as the Nehru Rozgar Yojna (NRY) and Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) for educated unemployed youth. An allocation of Rs. 227 crores has been made for NRY in the Eighth Plan. The NRY consists of three schemes—(i) the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprise. (SUME). (ii) The Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE), (iii) The scheme of Housing and Shelter Upgradation (SHASU). Till 10-4-94, 5.41 lakhs urban poor have been assisted to set up micro enterprises under SUME and 478.98 lakhs mandays of work have been generated under SUWE and SHASU.

Action Plan for Chandigarh

6344. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action Plan for Chandigarh for the future development of city;

(b) if so, the details thereof in this respect; and

(c) what efforts are being taken by Government to develop Chandigarh into a city of excellence, excellent culture, excellent transport and excellent educational facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) deelop Chandigarh into a city of excellence covering education, cultural and transport facilities. Among others, a large number of plan schemes are under operation for the promotion of arts, culture activities, a college of Arts and improvement of the Museum, improvement of transport infrastructure, systems and facilities including roads safety; and expansion of the facilities for school and higher education, vocational education and technical education. The Eighth Five Year Plan outlay for activities under transport, education and art and culture accounts for abont 17.85 per cent of the total of Rs. 400 crores. For the Annual Plan 1994-95 this share is 19.95 per cent of the approved outlay of Rs. 88 crores.

Allocation for the Key Employment sensitive Sector

6345. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has a proposal to raise the allocation for the key employment sensitive sector;

(b) if so, the year from which the allocation is proposed to be raised;

(c) whether it would be raised from the coming Annual Plan; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: (a) to (d) The Eighth Five Year Plan has been formulated keeping employment generation as a major objective and the Plan strategy and sectoral allocations have been made accordingly. Allocations for the special employment programmes, particularly for Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and the new programmes introduced in 1993-94 nomely. Employment Assurance scheme (EAS) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), have been substantially raised in 1994-95.